

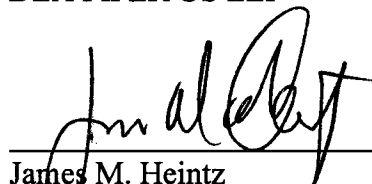
## **REMARKS**

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the courtesy of a telephonic interview granted to applicants' representative, James Heintz on October 25, 2006. At the interview, the Examiner indicated that the previously submitted amendments to Claims 1 and 38, and amendments to claim 20 similar to those made in Claim 1, would put the application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, those amendments are submitted herewith.

In light of the above, Applicants submit that this application is now in condition for allowance and therefore request favorable consideration. If any issues remain which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephonic interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicants counsel, James M. Heintz at 202.861.3900.

Respectfully submitted,

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